



Preparation key to class registration

By Drea Weiner
staff writer

Students who are preparing for the upcoming fall semester, registration will begin on Friday, March 23.

Beginning March 23, students will be allowed to sign up for classes based on the number of credit hours earned.

"The first thing students should do is meet with their academic adviser to talk about course schedule, academic goals and plan out their time, so that they have a big picture and know what all of the requirements of their degree program are," said registrar Kim Rotundo.

Students can find out who their adviser is by going to MyNMU and then to the Student Services tab. Click on "View General Student Record" and, in the next window, select the appropriate

term and click submit. Their primary adviser will be listed under "General Student Record."

If students have declared their major, their adviser will be within their department of study.

If the student is undeclared or on academic probation, he or she should have been sent a letter earlier this semester consisting of their adviser's name and contact information.

"Lay out an ideal schedule but have several options so you have something to fall back on," Rotundo said. "Be flexible (with courses and time), especially early on in your college career. Maybe take a course that wouldn't be your first choice but you still some interest to fulfill requirements. Don't limit yourself too much."

If students have questions

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Chalk drawings spruce up walks to class



Justin Key/NW

With warm weather coming early this year, students are spending more time outside doing various activities. Chalk drawings cover the sidewalks on campus, especially outside the Art and Design Building.

NMU provost candidates announced

Finalists give presentations open to public

By Shaina James
assistant news editor

NMU will be bringing four finalists to campus this week for interviews in search of a permanent provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The four candidates are David Dauwalder, Lance Grahn, Patrick Guilfoile and Barbara Keinath. All have either previously been a provost or vice provost at other universities.

A provost reports directly to the university president and is the top academic administrator. At NMU, the position involves management and leadership that will help the development of academic and student services programs.

"The provost has a major role in advancing many university initiatives, for example, those that are related to diversity, academic service learning, community engagement and developing benchmarks for academic performance," said Cindy Paavola, director of marketing and communications and NMU provost search committee

member.

Most final decisions related to any part of the curricula and to the academic programs will need to be approved by the provost first.

"We are real pleased with the four people we are bringing onto campus," said Charles Ganzert, NMU provost search committee co-chair. "They all have a lot of experience with the kinds of issues Northern has confronted in recent times.

"They seem to be good people who will get things done."

Finalists will meet with selected individuals or groups and will make a public presentation to the campus community, while being at NMU for their interview.

Feedback forms on who is the best fit to be the new provost will be available at the appearance and online.

While the candi-

dates are here at NMU, they are going through a rather rigorous interviewing process where they will meet many students, faculty and staff," Paavola said.

Their public presentation will be on the topic of "In light of national trends and/or challenges with regard to higher education, what roles does the provost play in leveraging NMU's opportunities and responding to our unique challenges?"

Anyone is allowed to attend the presentations, meet the candidates and ask questions. The presentations will be held from 4 to 5 p.m.

About 70 candidates from all over the country applied for the position. The selection committee met and reviewed the applications first to determine who met the requirements.

"The procedure we are going through is pretty common," Ganzert said. "Typically, you have to do a national search to find a good fit for the campus. That takes quite some time.

"We tend not to appoint someone as permanent until the search

is completed. We started in the fall and are ending on time."

The committee members determined who were the top 12 to 18 candidates to be interviewed.

After the first round of interviews, it was narrowed down to six candidates.

The committee met to review

the remaining six candidates and went over their applications, letters that said why they were interested in NMU and what they could bring to the university.

"Ideally, the person would begin serving in the position by or before the start of the new fiscal year, which is July 1," Paavola said.

Provost Candidates

- **Barbara Keinath:** vice provost and dean of graduate studies at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn.
— Monday, March 19, Ontario Room, U.C.
- **Patrick Guilfoile:** interim associate vice president of academic affairs at Bemidji State University in Minnesota.
— Wednesday, March 21, Pioneer Rooms A/B, U.C.
- **Lance Grahn:** most recently provost and dean of faculty/vice president for academic affairs at the University of Central Arkansas.
— Friday, March 23, Brule Room, U.C.
- **David Dauwalder:** provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at the University of New Haven in Connecticut.
— Monday, March 26, Brule Room, U.C.



PAAVOLA

UAW continues to fight for benefits



Kristen Koehler/NW

Northern Michigan University's UAW Local 1950 held its third informational picket at noon on Wednesday, March 21 on the corner of Wright Street and Tracy Avenue. The union has been without a contract for the past six months and will be presenting a proposal to administration on Tuesday, March 27. Union supporters are now wearing black armbands to promote awareness.

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about general registration, the Student Service Center can help identify what holds are on a student's account.

"Students should attempt to register as soon as they can," Rotundo said. "If their registration time is 8:30 a.m., then they should be on their computer at 8:30 a.m."

"If the course is full, continue to check back as people drop and change schedules around. If the student is in their final year, speak to the instructor in person or over the phone. It works better with personal contact."

A full list of courses being offered this fall can be found at www.nmu.edu/records.

"I don't schedule formal meetings [with my adviser], but I see him on a pretty regular basis," said senior biology major Ryan Budin. "I'm making numerous mock schedules to make sure that I get all my major and minor requirements."

If a student has questions about funding, the Financial Aid Office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"Every year, students need to fill out a FASFA, so get going with that process," said director of Financial Aid Mike Rotundo. "We'll be able to work with students while they're still here. Thirty percent of students are selected by the federal government for verification, where we must audit a student's FASFA information."

"Students can continue to look at scholarship applications in their discipline or private funding."

The Financial Aid Office will start awarding students in the middle of June.

"Plan out your schedule from the beginning of your college career," Budin said. "Know it's going to change a lot. You need to go in every semester and tweak it, but you won't be scrambling to get things done before graduation."

ONLINE ARTICLE

• Students play for intercollegiate band

Chili challenge held in memorial

By Jencan Zahran
contributing writer

The Culinary Students of Northern Michigan University are throwing their annual chili challenge on Tuesday, March 27.

Last year's chili challenge was held in memory of a student in the hospitality management program who died in a car accident. This year, members of the program plan on doing the same by recognizing all the students and faculty who are no longer with them.

Two students in particular who passed away, Becky Blackburn and Ben Manson, will be recognized at the event with a memorial that will be set up at the chili challenge.

CSNMU president Becky Beaverson is hopeful that this year's chili challenge will have an even greater turnout than past years. Two students from the culinary program were able to promote the event on The Doug Gar-

risson Show, a half-hour long weekly program about people of the U.P.

"Last year we had about 20 chili entries and somewhere between 250 and 300 people walked through and tasted the chili," Beaverson said. "This year we have between 15 and 20 chili entries and we are expecting more admissions."

This year, the rules are a little different and require participants to make five gallons of chili instead of four. Participants are divided into either professional or amateur categories. Each competitor will take samples of their chili into the judges room where they explain their chili to the judges.

Meanwhile, those who attend will help decide the winners by voting for their favorite chili in the different categories after sampling them. These categories include Best Use of Heat, Most Original Chili, People's Choice and Judge's Choice.

Students can volunteer at the event

and put their hours toward Superior Edge.

"It's a very exciting event, and we have lots of other food to try besides chili," Beaverson said.

Other types of food that will be offered are cupcakes made by Joe's Cakes of the Landmark Inn, cornbread and lemonade.

The winning chili recipes are known to be a little out of the ordinary, which is what the judges want to see.

"Last year, one recipe included cilantro sauce and a creme fraiche sauce," Beaverson said. "It was delicious. They look more for who brings the most original recipes to the challenge."

The Annual Hospitality Management Memorial Chili Challenge takes place on Tuesday, March 27 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the Jacobetti Center Commons Area. It costs \$5 for students with identification and \$7 for the general public.

Map Key

- 1) A person reported larceny from a motor vehicle at 4:30 p.m. March 12 at Lot 7.
- 2) A person was charged with simple assault at 6:50 p.m. March 13 at Van Antwerp Hall.
- 3) A person reported larceny at 4:19 p.m. March 15 at Magers Hall.
- 4) A person reported larceny at 9 p.m. March 19 at the PEIF.
- 5) A person was charged with simple assault at 3:18 a.m. March 20 at Payne Hall.

CAMPUS CRIME MAP

Workshop to teach how to make felt

By Alex Nye
contributing writer

NMU students will have the opportunity to work with wool fleece and turn it into sculptural, functional, seamless hollow forms.

This felt-making workshop is being put on by Phyllis Fredendall, who learned her weaving techniques in Wisconsin and has been an artist in residence on Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior and at the Huopakeskus felt center in Petäjävesi, Finland.

"Students should expect to use their hands, water, soap and a little elbow grease," Fredendall said.

The materials participants will need to bring include a roll of bubble wrap or sushi rolling mat, an 18-inch long dowel with a 3/4 inch diameter, two or three old towels, a sponge, a sketchbook, pencils or crayons and scissors.

"Students who enjoy color and form will be particularly pleased," Fredendall said.

The workshop will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 in the Beaumier Heritage Center. The cost of attendance is \$20 for students and \$30 for the general public.

Students get down to earth

By Joe Rubingh
contributing writer

Northern Michigan University's Environmental Science Organization is hosting Down to Earth Week next Monday through Saturday.

Audrey Menninga, vice president of ESO, said she hopes more people will attend this year because, unlike last year it isn't on Earth Day, which is during finals week. She encourages everyone to come.

"It's open to any student," Menninga said. "The environment transcends through all majors, so we open it up to everyone. Even those that aren't interested, but just want to know more about it."

Menninga said ESO puts together events that involve topics they think students should know about.

To kick off Down to Earth Week, the Green Thumb Society, a student organization, will host a plant sale in the New Science Atrium from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

Also on Tuesday, there will be a screening of "Botany of Desire" at 6 p.m. in Jamrich

102. According to PBS's website, this film by Michael Pollan, which is based on his best-selling book, talks about human's "desires for sweetness, beauty, intoxication and control with the plants that gratify them, the apple, the tulip, marijuana and the potato."

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Jamrich 102, Novella Carpenter will be giving a presentation.

"It will be a combination of a reading from 'Farm City' because a lot of people may have the book, but it's fun to hear the author's voice," Carpenter said. "I will also have a slide show of what my farm looks like and how I got involved urban farming."

Carpenter said he hopes that people who attend will better understand the idea of the potential for urban farming.

"You hear urban farming, but you don't know what it's about," Carpenter said. "It's going to also be a message of 'you can do it too' and do something crazy to see if you like it."

"If you try to do something, you have an idea of what might happen, but there are surprising

things that happen along the way."

Carpenter's book, "Farm City," is about how she turned a vacant lot in Oakland, Calif. into a full-blown farm. She went to the University of Washington where she majored in biology and English.

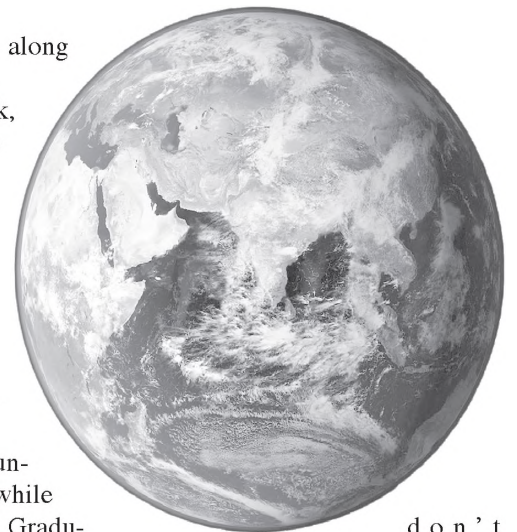
She also studied under Michael Pollan while attending Berkley's Graduate School of Journalism. To find out more about Carpenter, you can visit her website at ghosttownfarm.wordpress.com.

A presentation titled "Biodiesel, Energy Savings, and You" will be given by ESO members Laura Judge, Nick Larson and Ryan Buddin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 in West Science 2902.

"Half of the presentation will be me talking about how to save energy and using alternative energy," Judge said.

This year, Down to Earth Week will be dealing a lot with urban farming, Judge said.

"The future is uncertain. So



don't depend on the government for food security, depend on yourself," Judge said. "You might want to know a bit about urban farming."

A presentation called "Real Food" will be put on by Amanda O'Farrill at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 30 in West Science 2904.

To end Down to Earth Week, there will be a lichen walk through Wetmore Landing at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 31.

For more information, keep an eye out for posters across campus or an invitation on Facebook.

Changes made to Relay for Life

ACS implements new challenges and a \$10 fee

By Elizabeth Bailey
staff writer

This year has brought many changes to Northern Michigan University's Relay for Life program, in part because of the changes the American Cancer Society implemented.

Some of the changes include a \$10 fee for any participant who registers — they can either pay the fee or fundraise it. However, the fee is added into each team's fundraising total.

Along with the registration fee, food and T-shirts are no longer given out for free, according to Thao Do, Relay for Life chairperson. This was decided because of the growth of NMU's event since last year.

"By implementing these changes, we hope to be able to continue to move our event and grow to become an even more successful program at Northern," Do said. "We have appreciated the support and understanding of all the teams and participants this year."

Currently, Relay for Life is participating in the national Super Hero challenge, which is being put on by the American Cancer Society.



NW file photo
Students sit on the floor of the Vandament Arena as Relay for Life committee members speak about the event and begin their lumanaria ceremony.

The challenge asks that teams participating try to fundraise at least \$2,500 of their money strictly online and the team that accomplishes the task will be awarded with an incentive.

According to Do, NMU has already reached the goal but they still have until March 31 to raise more money.

NMU's Relay for Life is also currently doing a challenge similar to last year but the requirements have changed a little.

Instead of raising \$15,000 in 15 days, they are raising \$8,000 in eight days.

"The challenge really motivated everyone to work toward that final push in fundraising," Do said. "So, I'm hoping by doing a similar challenge, we can continue to work hard towards our goal."

According to Do, this year their goals are pretty high; mainly due to the fact that they had such amazing success last year. This year, they set the goal to have 50 teams and raise \$27,000. They currently have 35 teams with a total of \$11,226 raised.

"Although we are down in teams as of right now, we're up

in money, so we are on track for success," Do said.

Holly Fremling, a member of the Relay for Life committee, has personally fundraised over \$1,300 in a matter of two months.

"The main reason I began Relay for Life was because of my father. He was diagnosed with mesothelioma, in April of 2006 at the age of 40," Fremling said. "I watched him go through chemotherapy, radiation, holistic and experimental treatments and hospice all before he lost his battle to cancer."

Some reasons for participating are personal while others are more accidental. Do said she agreed to be a team captain with her roommate her freshman year, even before she even knew what Relay for Life was.

"We stay positive and confident in everything we are doing and just hope for the best," Do said. "Right now we are ahead in funds compared to last year at this time, so I have all the faith that we will have another successful year."

Relay for Life is March 23 through March 24 at Vandament Arena. For more information visit www.relayforlife.org/nmumi.

Dietitian helps teach how to eat vegan

By Ashley Wiggins
staff writer

NMU Dining Services will host a SkillBuilder! workshop for those interested in moving to a plant-based diet or looking to spice up their existing vegan menu Thursday March 22.

Robin Raho, Dining Services registered dietitian will be presenting with the Marketplace's vegan/vegetarian cook Terry Jennings.

"We will discuss MyPlate," Raho said. "It is the new food icon that has replaced the food pyramid and talk about what people should be paying attention to when eliminating animal products and replacing them with plants."

In addition, participants will be made familiar with various plant-based foods including grains, vegetables, fruits, soy products and seasonings. After a basic cooking skills demonstration, workshop attendees will get a chance to taste everything Jennings prepares.

"[I'm expecting] a fun-filled couple of hours that revolves around good, wholesome food," Raho said.

The workshop will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 in the Back Room of the University Center. There is no need to bring anything.

Artist returns to NMU, paints to music

By Amanda Monthei
staff writer

Last time performance artist David Garibaldi came to Northern Michigan University, the turnout was, according to Garibaldi, “the best we’ve ever had at a college show.”

But that recognition, due largely to the art and design community at Northern, is not Garibaldi’s only reason for coming back to Marquette on March 29.

“The college did an amazing job communicating to everyone what I did, so this year I wanted to come back and give them another entertaining show.”

The show, which will be held in the Vandament Arena, will feature Garibaldi painting four pop-art portraits.

The portraits often take less than 10 minutes to finish, and in the past shows have included such pop-culture, music and political icons as Barack Obama, Michael Jackson, Martin Luther King Jr. and Kanye West.

“It’s great because he’s a performance painter, so he paints portraits to music,” Sarah Leissring, Northern Arts and Entertainment president, said.

According to Leissring, Garibaldi has one staple image, Albert Einstein, which he does at most of his shows. The other

three will be a surprise.

“His show is unique. It’s not something that comes to Northern very often,” she said. “That’s what we loved so much about him, he’s easy to work with and as Northern Arts and Entertainment. We really try to have a large variety of things to bring to campus.”

Leissring, a senior sports science major, is the last remaining member of the Northern A&E crew that brought Garibaldi two years ago.

And since his last visit in April of 2010, Garibaldi’s art – and goals – have changed greatly.

“At this point in my career, I’ve been fortunate to do a lot with the basics of my art form,” he said. “I’m now inspired to take what I do to the next level. I’m still inspired by music, pop culture and movement, but it’s applying those to more ways to entertain the audience.”

“As we reach more people I hope to continue to change up my show, and create entertaining experiences people will remember for the rest of their life. It’s a tall order but I’m up for the challenge.”

Another challenge of Garibaldi’s performance-based art is fundraising, to which he was excited to report a recent milestone.

“First thing on my to do list is to reach my \$1 million charity goal by age 30,” the 29 year-old said. “So far, we’ve helped raise \$900,000 for charities through my art. I’m so excited to reach that goal this year.”

Garibaldi, who usually leaves one of his four paintings for the sponsoring university or venue, will also raffle one off to a student.

After his last visit to NMU, Garibaldi left an MLK portrait, which can now be seen in the

Hedgcock building.

Garibaldi began his career as a teenage graffiti artist in southern California before discovering that his art could be used as an inspiration to more than just himself.

That’s when he began performing “music-driven art,” which has become a composite of his passions and purpose.

“One of the most influential parts of graffiti that has inspired my current work is really creating bold and in your face imag-

ery,” he said. “When you see a ‘graff’ name on a train or a wall and you are in your car, you only get a second to see it.

“So, the art needs to capture someone whether they have time to stand around, or just passing by. Graffiti has inspired the big, bold and bright side of my art.”

Garibaldi will be performing at 8 p.m. in Vandament Arena on Thursday, March 29.

The cost is free for NMU students with their student ID, and \$5 for the general public.



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Painter David Garibaldi returns to NMU after having a large turnout in previous years. He paints portraits of famous people in less than 10 minutes to upbeat music. His most common image is Albert Einstein.

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Staff Editorial



Early course planning helps ensure graduation

With course registration for the Fall 2012 semester beginning this Friday, many students face a similar problem; there is a conflict with course times or prerequisites that pushes students off of their path to graduation.

For many of these issues, all a student would have needed was a little planning. Northern Michigan University has resources for this purpose, such as assigned academic advisers or staff members at the Academic and Career Advising Center.

These resources help students pave the way to graduation, with a little wiggle room for conflicts. If students are not putting in the effort and planning their schedules ahead of time, it's often their own fault if they're stuck in school for an additional year or two.

Some students, however, take all of the precautionary steps and still run into a clashing schedule. When this happens, there is typically no solution besides returning the following semester or, if the class is not offered so often, waiting even longer.

According to the College Results Online, only 16.1 percent of Northern Michigan University students graduate in four years, whereas 38.1 percent graduate in

five years and 45.5 percent in six years.

Of course, there are other reasons students stay past the desired four years, including changing majors and taking lighter class loads.

Regardless, with ample proof that students have regularly visited their advisers and kept on track toward graduation, academic departments at NMU should be more lenient in order to help students graduate on time.

This could mean letting a few extra students into a required class without drastically changing the class dynamic. Departments could also offer a different class as a replacement for a requirement, especially if understaffing is a problem.

Of course, it would be chaotic if this was offered for every student. There would have to be a specific procedure for such an exception to be made, but it would help students graduate in four years with motivation to progress into a career.

Students who are able to register for the course they wish to and graduate in a timely fashion will remember their experience with Northern Michigan University more fondly than those who take the right steps only to pay a few extra thousand dollars for an extra semester or more.

Michigan bill harms education



Guest Column

Lee McClelland

I remember my public education experience as if it was between two to 13 years ago. While it wasn't what I would describe as the most enriching education, it hasn't failed me yet. Then again, my school system wasn't terrible, just flawed. Other schools across the country have proven they offer a poor quality of education, so what do we do about it?

Michigan's Senate Bill 620 is waiting in limbo to be passed. It would take the lead from California and allow parents to "pull the trigger" on failing schools. Yes, I speak of the "Parent Trigger Law" that has been getting so much attention as of late.

This law was first brought about in California by Parent Revolution, a non-profit organization whose mission statement is, "To transform public education based on what is good for children, not adults, by empowering parents to transform their under-performing schools through community organization." It has gained popularity across the country and has been passed in California, Texas, Mississippi and Connecticut.

This law would enable parents to vote to decide the future of a failing school. With a 51-percent parent vote and a 60-percent teacher vote, or just a 60-percent parent vote, decisions can be made to close a school, including the transition from a public school to a charter school.

I find fault with Parent Revolu-

tion's statement because it contradicts itself. How does a parent know what is good for the collective whole, rather than just his or her child? Teachers and administrators are qualified to do this, and parents still have the ability to offer input. But we have to take into account other factors that affect education.

Laws sure do. The No Child Left Behind Act has created a faulty system of education and it inhibits teachers to give the highest quality of education. Class size, funding and enrollment all affect quality. It's not just one thing or the other.

In Michigan, Senate Bill 620 would benefit privatized charter schools. It's not for the benefit of parents in Michigan, but for private schools who stand to make a profit.

The biggest criticism of the Parent Trigger Law is this: it doesn't work. In California, it has yet to yield any results. Instead of helping, it has been hurting communities and causing turmoil in the school system. By creating a chaotic environment that places stress on teachers, parents and students alike, there are only detrimental effects from these disagreements.

Children learn in different fashions. What is good for your child may not be good for another parent's child.

We need to come to an agreement that benefits the children being taught, not the adults involved on either side of the debate. I have yet to see a child-centered approach to this argument.

This law will be a gut shot to our educational system, with a little more than half of parents behind the trigger, while the rest of us mourn the passage of a good education for the future of our country, for our country's children.

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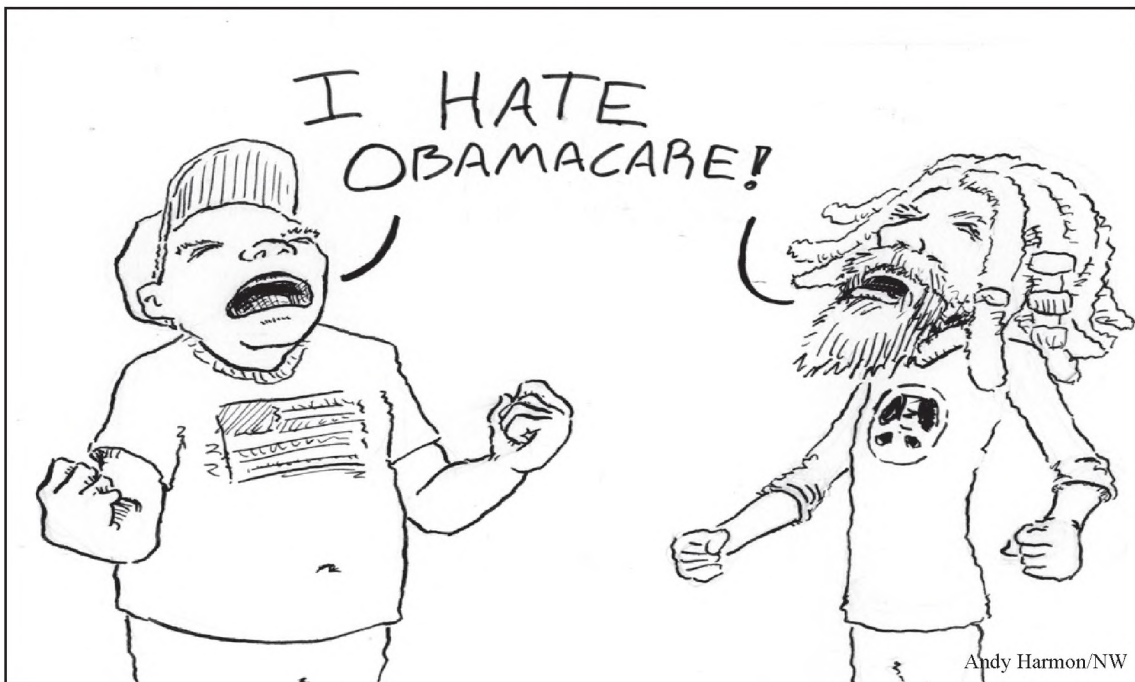
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U.S. needs to implement single-payer health care



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I hate Obamacare. Seriously, it makes me grind my teeth. While GOP presidential candidates like Rick Santorum hate it for supposedly taking away people's "individual liberty" from free market health care, I dislike Obamacare for other reasons. Instead of Obamacare, the U.S. needs a single-payer universal health care system.

Santorum supports free market health care and adamantly opposes Obamacare. Recently, he said, "I'm in this race because Barack Obama doesn't trust you enough that you can go out, given a level playing field and an opportunity, to go out and buy your own health insurance, to manage your own affairs, to decide what policies you want, how much you want to pay for it, what doctors you want to see, how much your co-pays are."

Didn't you hear, Rick? Free markets, meaning no government involvement in the economy, don't work. Anyone that truly studied the pervasive nature of information asymmetries, externalities and imperfect competition in markets, would see that free markets don't lead to efficiency. If anything, neoclassical economic models prove free markets are inefficient by nature.

Government can help reduce information asymmetries, promote positive economic externalities and create more robust competition than collusive oligopolies. Proponents of the free market have not convinced me that government involvement in the economy is hurtful.

The U.S. needs a single-payer universal health care system

(Medicare-for-all). Most countries around the world, if they are economically developed enough, have universal health care systems, whether single-payer or a mix of private and government insurance.

Germany has had universal health care insurance since the late 1800s. More than 200 years later, the United States still lacks universal health care coverage for its citizens. During that time period, Sweden, Denmark, Austria, Britain, Japan, Canada, France, Spain, Norway, Taiwan and many other countries have achieved universal health insurance coverage.

President Truman was the first president to try to pass universal health insurance in the U.S. His efforts failed in 1945 because the American Medical Association and American Bar Association lobbied for its defeat, using fears of the Red Scare to thwart universal health care. No U.S. president has succeeded in passing universal health care in the past 67 years. This must change.

The U.S. health care system is a disaster. That is why a May 2007 CNN poll, similar to many other polls between 2003 and 2009, showed that 64 percent of respondents supported a national health insurance program for all Americans.

Our health care system spends 31 percent of its overall expenditures on administrative overhead, in contrast to Canada's 1.3 percent administrative overhead. The U.S. spends more on administrative costs because the more insurers there are for a given set of people, the higher the insurers' overlapping administrative costs are going to be. That is why countries with only one insurer (single-payer) can cover all their citizens at a lower cost.

The United States spends twice the amount on health care per capita than any other country. Even with all these expenditures,

we don't achieve universal coverage. There are 48 million Americans with no health care coverage; another 50 million people who are underinsured, and the rest of us are getting hit with bigger and bigger deductibles and co-payments. Even worse, 45,000 American die each year because they are not able to afford health insurance.

Although the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act expands health insurance access to 30 million Americans, it has more holes in it than Swiss cheese. First, it still leaves 23 million people without health insurance.

Second, even though Republicans called Obamacare a "government takeover" of health insurance, it did nothing of the sort. Instead, Obamacare subsidizes health insurance companies more than \$447 billion annually. That is why, right after Obamacare passed, health insurance companies' stocks soared in value.

Lastly, 23,000 people will still die per year under Obamacare because they can't afford health insurance.

Republicans like Santorum agree with me that Obamacare is flawed, but that is where my similarity with them ends. The Republican Party really believes that free market health care is possible. Even my law and economics textbook last year could have proved that one wrong.

To lower insurance costs, you must spread risk and uncertainty around as much as possible. The best way to achieve this is by using one insurance pool (single-payer). Free market health care would actually increase the cost of insurance by increasing overlapping administrative costs onto the consumer.

Obamacare was flawed when signed into legislation. The solution is not free market health care. We must move forward towards a universal health care system for all Americans.

3-D movies suck in consumers' cash



**Staff
Column**

**Adelle
Whitefoot**

Nowadays almost every movie made comes out in 3-D. The 3-D phenomenon has even got film makers redoing classic movies such as the "Star Wars" films, Disney movies and yes, even "Jurassic Park."

I'll admit, when 3-D movies first came out, I went to a few of them out of curiosity. The first 3-D film I saw was "Up" and I really enjoyed it, but I didn't enjoy the headache that I got from it.

I believe 3-D films are just a trend, like camouflage when I was in seventh grade or collecting cards from some game. But as long as people want to stay "hip" and think that going to see 3-D films is doing so, movie companies will continue to make bank.

Not only are companies making customers pay more for 3-D movies (at least in Marquette), they are now redoing old, high-grossing movies. They have already released many classic Disney movies, such as "The Lion King" and "Beauty and the Beast" in 3-D, while simultaneously releasing these movies from the vault in an attempt to make more money.

But when I heard that they were releasing "Titanic," the highest-grossing movie of all time until 2009 when "Avatar" knocked it down to second, all I could think was, "Who would pay to see that movie in 3-D?" I love "Titanic," don't get me wrong, but I would never pay to see it on the big screen just because it's 3-D.

Anyone that would be just playing into the film production companies' greedy hands. Instead of just coming out with new films to release, these companies would rather spend less money and remake films in 3-D.

People are so obsessed with what's "trendy" that new film companies are making more money off of 3-D films than they are 2-D films. That's \$381 million compared to the \$89.1 million that they make off of 2-D movies.

But other than trying to be "trendy," I don't see why people pay more to watch a film in 3-D that they probably already own or have seen a hundred times. If you really want to see your favorite movie on the big screen, why not just pay for the 2-D? Everytime there is a 3-D film released, a 2-D version is released at a cheaper price.

Hopefully 3-D movies will die out soon and I will never have to watch a 3-D film ever again. I'd rather pay to see a new film for an already expensive movie ticket than to see a movie I already own.

Letter to the editor

Part 3 of a 3-part series

Fourth, the author of the Feb. 23 column titled "Campus Cinema needs to improve" ridiculed Campus Cinema for theoretically not being available to supervise children who are dropped off by their parents to view a movie.

Campus Cinema is not a day-care center. We are in no way responsible for the whereabouts of people who attend our shows regardless of their age. However, we do have some standards.

If we are showing an R-rated movie, or a movie that we believe is not appropriate for children, we typically ask them if their parents are with them. If they are underage and alone, we will not admit them.

Finally, the author falsely claimed that Campus Cinema attendance has declined.

Not every movie is a blockbuster hit and it is possible that if you only attend one showing of one movie, you might think that attendance is low;

however, overall movie attendance is on par with the past.

Furthermore, NMU students themselves are ultimately responsible for the movies chosen for showing as a voting process is used to select the movies.

Finally, we advise anyone interested in the facts to check with the Student Finance Committee for our historical attendance and funding data.

What you will find is that Campus Cinema is the most consistent and cost effective Earmarked Fund Group doing programming at NMU.

If anyone would like to communicate thanks, disappointment, or find out how to join and contribute, you may contact Campus Cinema by email at ccinema@nmu.edu.

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U.S. Supreme Court will uphold Obamacare



Guest Column

Kevin Kyle

President Barack Obama's legislation towards universal health care has been under attack ever since he introduced his plan, with many people yelling and screaming that it is "socialism" and Obama is "stepping all over the Constitution," but this could not be further from the truth.

The legality of the health care bill is undeniable. It is completely legal, and I am confident that the U.S. Supreme Court justices will agree.

The Supreme Court has been reading briefs and discussing whether or not the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is constitutional. The controversy around this issue comes mainly from the individual mandate, the requirement that most Americans buy health insurance or pay a penalty. The question then becomes: can the federal government penalize us for not getting health insurance from private insurance companies?

The federal government, unlike the individual states, must tether its laws to specific powers enumerated in the U.S. Constitution. States must also follow their state constitutions, but they also have more general powers, such as the policing power.

When the mandate was first enacted, Congress used two related powers. They used those powers addressed in the Commerce Clause and also present in the Necessary and Proper Clause. The Commerce Clause enables Congress to regulate commerce among the several states; the Necessary and Proper Clause allows Congress to make laws that are "necessary and proper" for executing other powers.

Dating all the way back to the 1940s, the courts have interpreted these clauses quite broadly. With the increasingly high number of people without health insurance in the United States, the impact that this will have on interstate commerce will undoubtedly be substantial and just show more reason why health care reform is constitutional.

From 1937 to 1994, the U.S. Supreme Court didn't invalidate a single federal law as unconsti-

tutional for exceeding the scope of Congress's commerce power. Because of this, almost all constitutional scholars who have looked at this issue carefully have concluded that, if precedent is followed, health care reform is constitutional. And following suit, most of the lower and mid-level courts have applied the Commerce Clause as broadly as it has been interpreted by past Supreme Courts.

In June 2011, the Sixth U.S. Court of Appeals noted "everyone, no matter his or her state, eventually gets sick and uses health care, and hospitals across the country are required by law to provide care regardless of ability to pay. Decisions by some to forego health insurance drives up the cost of insurance for others across the country." The court reasoned that the choice to forego health insurance substantially affects interstate commerce.

For those who stand opposed to Obama's health care reform and hope that the U.S. Supreme Court does not use precedent to decide this case, you better think again. To think that the Supreme Court justices would not use precedent to decide this case would be a mistake.

Sound Off

compiled by
Kristen Koehler

What do you think of American health care?



Steven George
junior, sec. ed. social studies
"It's effective but expensive."



Megan Alcock
junior, English writing
"It needs to be fixed."



Jennifer Krawze
freshman, elementary ed.
"I'm not very familiar with our health care system."



James Allen
freshman, clinical lab science
"Our health care system needs reform. Too much money is for profit."



Sarah Eberhard
senior, political science
"They should improve the system to make health care more affordable."



George Covert Jr.
senior, electronic imaging
"It should not be government mandated."

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Swinging through the trees

NMU student finds opportunity in Indonesia

By Alisa Fox
features editor

Living in the jungle and searching for primates sounds like something from a Tarzan story, but for Ricki Oldenkamp, it is what she will be doing during her internship this fall.

Oldenkamp, a senior biology major, will be spending seven months in the rainforests of Indonesia tracking orangutans and studying their behavior.

"I've always had an interest in how animals think and what they think about," Oldenkamp said. "I'm also interested in how humans think, and primates are the most related to us."

Oldenkamp will be working with a group of scientists to study the relationships and interactions between different primates. While she will be helping the scientists with their research, her own project includes the relationships between mothers and infants.



Photo courtesy of www.wwfblogs.org

Once more widely distributed, orangutans can now only be found on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo and are an endangered species.

"I'm just really excited to spend a large amount of time in the rainforest," Oldenkamp said. "Overall, I'm just excited to gain this experience that will help me get into a top graduate school program."

Oldenkamp will begin her adventure at the end of the Winter 2012 semester. Once she is in Indonesia, she'll have to wait until her permits are granted to visit the field sites until her permits are granted.

"When I get [to the field site], we are over a day away from any cities," Oldenkamp said.

While she is looking forward to the trip, Oldenkamp said there are things that make her nervous as well.

"I'll need to pack multiple pairs of shoes because there are terrestrial leeches that will literally eat through your shoes," Oldenkamp said.

Aside from the leeches, culture is another thing Oldenkamp said she is worried about.

"I'm the only American on this expedition," Oldenkamp said. "It will be a culture shock since English is not their first language for most of them. Also, we are required to be with a local guide while we are in the forest, and they only speak Bahasa Indonesia, the official language of Indonesia."

Oldenkamp has been using a Rosetta Stone program to learn the language. She practices for a couple hours a day so she is ready to interact with the locals she will meet on her trip.

"My favorite phrase in Indonesian is probably 'sampi jumpa,'" Oldenkamp said.

"It means 'good-bye.' I just really like how it sounds."

The road to Indonesia has been a long one. Oldenkamp said she has had to jump through many hoops to be accepted in the project.

"Last summer, while I was at Duke University, I worked with a professor that does primatology with lemurs and I met other individuals in primatology," Oldenkamp said. "I found out about this opportunity through a professor who had a colleague who was involved. I e-mailed him to see if I could gain some field research experience with him."

Oldenkamp will not just be the only American on the project, but she will also be the only undergraduate.

"The role of a research assistant usually goes to someone at the master's level," Oldenkamp said. "I'll have to work hard and learn quickly to be at the same level."

Before Oldenkamp could finalize her plans, she had to make sure the Indonesian government would accept her and grant her a research permit.

"I had to send a written proposal, copies of my passport, recommendation letters and back-



Senior biology major Ricki Oldenkamp will spend seven months in Indonesia starting in May 2012.





Photo courtesy of www.panaromio.com

ing of funds,” Oldenkamp said. “There were 12 documents altogether. They’ve granted the permit, but now I have to go through the whole process again to get a visa. I think they do this to make sure you are committed.”

Oldenkamp said although she will only have Internet access intermittently, she plans to keep family, friends and fans updated through blog posts and videos.

“What I’ll probably do is write blog posts almost every day and upload them when I do get Internet,” Oldenkamp said. “That way I’ll have accurate updates to give.”

That is also how Oldenkamp will be staying in contact with the people funding her expedition.

“This trip will cost me \$10,000 and that’s not including NMU tuition,” Oldenkamp said. “If everybody can give just a little bit of money and help even a little, it will get me that much closer to my goal.”

Oldenkamp started a page on the “Fundageek” website to give people a place to fund her trip. The website is www.fundageek.com and Oldenkamp’s project can be found under “Orangutan Field Research.”

Oldenkamp’s research is also funded in part by NMU’s McNair scholarship. To be eligible for this scholarship, the entrant has to be a first-generation college student, considered

low-income, be committed to entering a Ph.D. doctorate program and be willing to complete a summer research project.

“I just knew that I wanted to go to graduate school and I didn’t know how to make that happen,” Oldenkamp said. “I just looked into a flyer and applied with my fingers crossed.”

Now that she has been awarded the scholarship, Oldenkamp’s project will count for the research portion. It will also count as a fall internship for the biology department.

“I’ll be keeping a journal of my project and writing reports and doing assignments to get credit for the internship as well as the McNair scholarship,” Oldenkamp said.

Patrick Brown, biology department head, said he is proud of Oldenkamp and the work she has put into getting ready for her trip to Indonesia.

“This is a great opportunity for [Oldenkamp] to be a part of an established research program and the cutting edge of primate research,” Brown said.

Brown said that although there are not many opportunities within the biology department for internships, they do try to match students with professionals that can provide internship and research opportunities.

“We basically talk with them about their options and encourage students to look into opportunities,” Brown said. “[Oldenkamp] uncovered her opportunity and worked really hard to generate this. We just gave her the tools and the encouragement she needed.”

It takes multiple people to fashion together a research project or internship opportunity. The student must look into opportunities outside of campus and find a professional to work with. When they have done that, they bring the professional and their department adviser together to work out the details that

Despite males weighing over 200 pounds, orangutans live in the canopy of Indonesia’s dense rainforests

will form the project into something that is mutually beneficial.

“Ricki is a superb student,” Brown said. “She is hardworking and motivated. She deserves all the credit for working hard to bring this together. She is likely to get a scientific paper out of this opportunity and the material to create the foundation of a master’s project.”

For more information about Oldenkamp’s project, visit her blog at www.thisprimatespapertrail.blogspot.com.



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While in Indonesia, Oldenkamp plans on putting an emphasis on mother to infant orangutan interactions.

Information on Internships

- Check with your department to see if they have any internships available. Even if there are none available, they might know about other internship opportunities that are being offered.
- Talk with your adviser. He or she might be able to give you the tools and information you need to find or create an internship.
- Career Services also has many resources about internships and where to find them. They can be found in Room 3302 in the Hedcock building, or e-mail them at careers@nmu.edu.



Singer uses Brazilian sounds on stage

By Beatty Nelson
contributing writer

The International Performing Arts Series (IPAS) is turning up the heat by bringing Luciana Souza and her trio to perform in Marquette.



Photo courtesy of Gabriel Rinaldi
Luciana Souza grew up in Sao Paul, Brazil and has made over 10 albums.

Souza is a Grammy Award-nominee Brazilian jazz artist who has worked with many well-known names in the music industry. She will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at the Kaufman Auditorium.

Dan Truckey, coordinator of the Northern Michigan International Performing Arts Series and director of the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center, said he is excited to have such an accomplished performer coming to Marquette.

"Our committee each year tries to bring on a jazz artist and also a Latin artist, so Luciana was the perfect choice," Truckey said. "She also has a great reputation for her music and performances."

Truckey said he and many others have worked hard to get as many diverse and high quality international acts as they can to come to Marquette each year.

"The IPAS began in 1989 as a university-sponsored concert series for the NMU and Marquette community," Truckey said. "Since then, the series

has brought at least six artists to campus each year, including folk, blues, jazz and world music performers in addition to dance companies and theater productions."

Souza will be performing as part of a trio featuring guitarist Romero Lumbambo and percussionist Cyro Baptista.

"Besides the fact that it's great entertainment, it is an opportunity to expose students and people in the community to different cultures and types of art," Truckey said.

Souza performs a variety of music including jazz, classical and even some pop.

She has recorded more than 10 albums and received four Grammy nominations.

"Since I've been coordinating the series, we've brought artists from China, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, France, Latin America and from different regional cultures throughout the U.S.," Truckey said. "It has been an incredible experience to see them interact with students and the community, especially when

we've been able to arrange for workshops."

Mark Flaherty, associate professor of music and director of NMU's jazz band, is on the committee that chooses the performers for the IPAS and when they were talking about jazz, he immediately brought up Souza.

"Souza fits really well into the whole International Performing Arts Series because she has a lot of appeal to a wide variety of people and also because of her versatility," Flaherty said.

Flaherty said he is excited to see Souza perform again.

"Luciana is an outstanding musician and performer," Flaherty said. "She really puts on an amazing show. I saw her down in Wisconsin and was blown away, and I can't wait to see her again."

Souza grew up in Sao Paulo, Brazil and then came to the U.S. for college, receiving a bachelor's degree in jazz composition from Berklee College of Music in Boston.

"Living up in the U.P., it is important to try to get exposure to many different styles of art

and music," Flaherty said. "The IPAS brings people to the U.P. that we normally wouldn't get to see. A lot of people haven't heard Souza's style of music and her coming all the way to Marquette gives us a real appreciation for what culture is out there."

In 2005, Souza was awarded Female Jazz Singer of the Year by the Jazz Journalists Association. Her work is respected and revered all throughout the jazz community.

"I hope people come out and support her when she comes to Marquette," Flaherty said. "For its size, Marquette has a lot going on but when there is stuff happening people have to learn to take advantage of it. She's going to put on a fantastic show."

Tickets for Souza's performance are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door for students. Tickets for the general public are \$19 in advance and \$21 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at NMU ticket outlets.

For more information, email Dan Truckey at dtruckey@nmu.edu.

Bikers inspire interest

By Austin Irwin
staff writer

Local bike group Kitchi-Mi-Kana Cycling is holding an interest meeting this month to prepare local Marquette-area bikers for the upcoming 2012 riding season.

Kitchi-Mi-Kana is Chippewa for "good roads" and was founded in 1895 as a cycling club for men and women.

"We support all kinds of cycling," said Miriam Moeller, KMK secretary and NMU international programs specialist. "We want people to leave their cars at home and bring their bicycles. Biking is a very healthy, green way of transportation."

The interest night will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at the Vierling Restaurant on Front Street. The event is free and open to the public.

"Even if we just get two people, that's two more people we have," Moeller said. "We hope to get more students on board. It would be great if students would join the club and join our rides."

Moeller said KMK offers a bunch of volunteer opportunities, including one in June for Grant Fondo's Bike Jam.

With organizations such as Superior Edge on campus, Moeller said students could volunteer at KMK events and earn a lot of Superior Edge hours that would help both Marquette and the bicycling community.

Christina Bennett, NMU graduate and KMK member, said her

first experience with KMK was on a Tuesday night ride. She said she came a bit unprepared, going for a road cruise on a mountain bike, but since then it has been a great way to get a little more experience in riding.

"I saw there was a bike meeting, and I eventually got in touch with KMK," Bennett said. "It's fantastic. I've met so many people through that group."

Cyclists can begin or renew their KMK membership for \$10 as an individual, or \$15 to register an entire family.

The membership includes a discount card that gives members discounts to places like Lakeshore Bike, Jasper Ridge Brewery, Sports Rack Limited, Down Wind Sports and many others who help support KMK.

"There is a sense of a bicycling community in this area," said Evan Simula, general man-

ager of Sports Rack Limited. "It gets people out enjoying the outdoors, and it inspires a healthier lifestyle."

Simula said one group ride he participated in was the Ride of Silence, a nation-wide event held annually that commemorates those who have fallen because of automotive related deaths, where cyclists ride in silence to honor them.

KMK will be reviewing various events on its 2012 schedule at the interest meeting.

KMK will also be selling its KMK cycling gear at the event, including arm warmers, jackets, socks, gloves, shoe covers and other gear.

For more information about KMK and this event, visit www.kmk.cycling.com. NMU students interested in participating in volunteer opportunities can call Moeller at (906) 227-2464.



Photo courtesy of Andy Gregg
The KMK Cycling Club does many events like the 2011 Ore to Shore race.

Project Compassion takes over runway

By Alisa Fox
features editor

They sit in classes, work on-campus and even belong to clubs; they are models for the fashion show Project Compassion.

NMU's Public Relations Student Society of America is hosting the Project Compassion: Fashion Show for the second year in a row this weekend.

The fashion show will start at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 25 in the Great Lakes Room of the University Center.

"I'm really excited to see how this one rolls out because each year is different," said Stephanie Hahn, vice president of PRSSA. "I like seeing how these events come together and how the students react to them."

Each semester, PRSSA chooses a non-profit organization to support and fundraise for. The proceeds from the fashion show will go to Camp Star, a bereavement camp dedicated to helping children get through losses in their lives.

"It'll be good for the students to see the camp and get

their name out there," Hahn said. "That way students know there's a camp they can send a brother or sister to if they're having a hard time adjusting to a loss."

Camp Star also offers opportunities for NMU students to apply to volunteer or become a buddy to a grieving child. Hahn said they will have these applications at the show for interested students.

Also at the fashion show will be raffle opportunities. Each raffle ticket costs \$1 and the prizes include gift cards to Casualties and various shops and restaurants around Marquette.

"Because of the economy, it's really hard for businesses to give away free stuff," Hahn said. "But we were glad we were able to come up with what we do have."

The models will be wearing outfits donated by stores like Kohl's, Maurices and Vanity. There will be a section for men, women, children and prom fashions.

For more information about the Project Compassion: Fashion Show or PRSSA, email Melissa Young at meyoung@nmu.edu.

Overdramatic horror film fails horribly



Film: Silent House
Directors: Chris Kentis and Laura Lau
Producer: Laura Lau
Writer: Laura Lau
Starring: Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese and Eric Sheffer Stevens
Runtime: 85 minutes

windows and put locks on all the doors.

In addition, there was apparently some rats who chewed through the power lines running to the house, leaving the family to use candles and flashlights as their only source of light.

This creates the scene where the majority of the film will take place: a dark and moldy old house in which there is no exit without a key for the appropriate lock.

Ordinarily, this would be an ideal setting for a horror film. Not only is it dark and ominous, but if there were to be some kind of trouble inside the home, the others within the house might not be able to get out.

However, everything about this movie was executed terribly. The basic “make the audience jump” scenes near the beginning were completely ineffective. And although Olsen grew up in an acting family, I never would have noticed from watching this film.

The better part of the dramatic situations that Sarah finds herself in are completely over-acted and over-dramatic. There were a handful of times when she was hiding and gasping that I couldn’t really tell if she was laughing or if she was upset, and there were

others in the audience who felt the same way. A girl sitting behind me asked, “Does she find this funny?”

This movie was cursed right from the screenplay. The writing was absolutely atrocious; it felt like they tried to combine several overdone horror film themes together, but to no avail.

There are characters that were unneeded and plot twists that only caused things to get more entangled and senseless. There is even a scary man covered in mud whose identity never really gets explained, but I can’t say I really even cared to know by the end of this movie.

There is a little twist at the end of the film that attempts to redeem

this mess, but only ends up convoluting the terrible story even more.

I simply cannot tolerate movies like this. It’s almost like the writers and directors try to trick the audience, making them question what they had seen with their own eyes only minutes before.

Rather than questioning the story, I only wondered why anyone in Hollywood would waste their time and money on a piece of garbage like this. I truly felt cheated as I left the theater.

It’s going to be hard to come up with a worse film than “Silent House” in 2012. I haven’t seen a movie this bad, horror or not, since “The Strangers.”



By Justin Marietti
 staff writer

“Silent House” is a new horror film that boasts in its advertisements that it was filmed to appear as though it was one continuous take. However, rather than delivering an innovating, seat-grabbing thriller, this movie came up short big time.

Although “Silent House” is not a found-footage film, it certainly has the same feel as one, especial-

ly near the beginning.

The camera is clearly handheld as it nearly runs into Sarah, the main character played by Elizabeth Olsen, at one point as she is walking along a trail. The only difference between this and a found-footage movie is she simply doesn’t acknowledge that the cameraman is there.

Sarah is accompanying her father, John (Adam Trese), and her uncle, Peter (Eric Sheffer Stevens), as they return to their old family home in the woods. There has been some minor vandalism to the home, so they board up the



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 Sarah (Elizabeth Olsen) goes to her old family home with her father and her uncle. They find the house damaged and changed since they left.

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Track and field breaks four records in first outdoor meet

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

Part of the Northern Michigan track and field team traveled to California on Friday and Saturday to compete at the Aztec Invitational, breaking four school records.

The 'Cats left San Diego State University with seven top 10 finishes, although Saturday's events were cancelled early due to inclement weather. Head coach Tom Barnes said while the weather was unpredictable, the team was in peak condition from the indoor season.

"We put all of our chips on the table," Barnes said. "For us

to be ranked nationally, we have to send people to Nationals. We tried to go for a qualifying mark right away, and they all stepped up. Our purpose was served."

The team started breaking records early with redshirt freshman Sherice Hewett completing two third place finishes. Hewett broke two records in the process, jumping 39 feet, 9.75 inches in the triple jump and running 14.74 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles. Hewett is currently ranked No. 2 in the triple jump nationally.

Junior Mallory Celaya ran in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, finishing sixth place and setting a school record with a time of 11:12.86. Celaya is ranked No. 6 in the country in the steeplechase. Celaya said she was happy to run in her home state, being a native of California, and predicted more success for the team in the future.

Competing outdoors again was amazing. It's my favorite, even with the weather being uncontrollable. Being in California was a new experience I am very thankful for.

— Melissa Christensen
track and field athlete

"I love racing the Steeple more than any other race," Celaya said. "Although I didn't run the time I was aiming for, I'm glad I was able to break the record. Keep an eye out, because more records are going to be broken this year."

At the pole vault, sophomore Jaime Roberts jumped 11 feet, 8.5 inches to finish in a tie for 12th. Roberts is ranked fourth in the country in pole vault.

Senior Bailey Franklin broke a school record in the high jump with a height of 5 feet, 8.75 inches

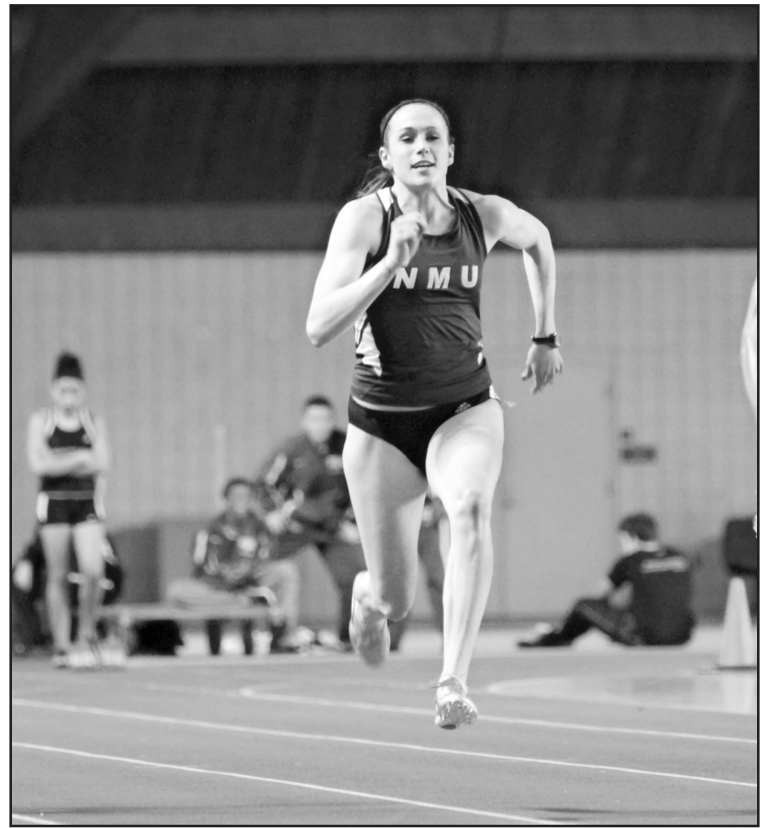
and is currently ranked first in the nation in the event. Franklin also appeared in the triple jump with a fifth place finish. Although competing in California was a new experience for the 'Cats, Franklin said the team was not too worried about the results of this meet.

"Being in California was just icing on the cake," Franklin said. "I came to this meet wanting to get 1.75 meters or higher, and that is what I did. I've never been in California, and to get a new outdoor personal record here was really fun and exciting for me."

In the 100-meter dash, freshman Angelina Howard finished 13th with a time of 12.79 seconds. Howard also competed in the 200-meter dash. In the 400-meter dash, senior Catherine Angeli ran for a time of 59.84, finishing 16th.

Senior Melissa Christensen finished in the top 10 in the heptathlon. Christensen said the places scored over the weekend opened doors for her and the rest of the team.

"It was a good start to the season, but left a lot of room for improvement," Christensen said. "It was disappointing not reaching the score I wanted, but at least I know now where I need to improve and can work on those



Justin Key/NW

Senior sprinter Catherine Angeli takes off during the Northern Challenge. The 'Cats broke four records last week in the first meet of outdoor season.

events."

NMU placed in the top 10 again on Saturday, finishing ninth in the 4x100-meter dash with Christensen, Hewett, Angeli and Howard all running in the event.

Christensen said the excitement for the outdoor season was still felt by the team although the weather cut short Saturday's events and everyone enjoyed travelling to California.

"Competing outdoors again was amazing," Christensen said. "It's my favorite, even with the weather being uncontrollable.

Being in California was a new experience I am very thankful for."

The next meet for the 'Cats will be on Saturday, March 31 at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Invitational in Oshkosh, Wis.

"Some people might think going to California was a vacation," Barnes said. "It was a lot of hard work. I want to thank assistant coach Kevin Kean for doing a good job at getting all of the athletes prepared. Everyone performed well, and, once again our purpose was served."

Alzaga earns All-American

By Brad Gicopoulos
sports editor

The swimming and diving 'Cats hit the water for one last weekend as they competed at Nationals from Wednesday, March 14 through Saturday, March 17 in Mansfield, Texas, placing 31st overall.

Junior Gaby Alzaga is an All-American after placing eighth in the 200-yard backstroke at the NCAA Championships. She finished the heat with a time of 2:02.21.

Alzaga said winning shows that the energy and long hours are paying off.

"It is a great feeling because it assures that all the hard work was worth it, that everything paid off," Alzaga said.

Although Alzaga got the All-American award, she said this is a prestigious award for the team as well.

"This award is not only my award, but it is a result of team effort and support," Alzaga said. "When I raced to win this, I not only raced for me, I raced for the university and for my team and winning this award changes everything."

Head coach Heidi Voigt said

it was nice to have another athlete honored at Nationals, because the last time it happened was 2007.

"Having Gaby get All-American was very big for our team," Voigt said. "It's great to have another one and hopefully our team is on the rise."

Freshman Emily Brennan raced in the 200-meter breaststroke on Saturday earning a 30th place finish. She said the experience she gained was invaluable.

"It was a really great opportunity for me, especially being a freshman because I could get the experience and be more prepared if I make it my next three years," Brennan said.

Alzaga said it was a pleasure sharing her first Nationals with Brennan and she looks forward to next year.

"I'm very proud of Emily. I'm really happy that she made it in her first year," Alzaga said. "That tells lots about her dedication, attitude and overall, how amazing of a swimmer she is."

The Wildcats finished with 12 points overall which was good for 31st place.

Brennan said it was great for the team to have two athletes make it to Nationals and that she

is thrilled for Alzaga on her top 10 finish.

"I was really happy and proud of Gaby for getting All-American," Brennan said. "She for sure deserved it, especially after recovering from an injury; she tried her hardest and it all paid off."

With the season ending at Nationals Alzaga said the team can think about things to improve on for next year.

"I would like to focus on my weight lifting ability this offseason so that I have more strength to finish strong at the end of my race," Alzaga said.

Brennan said she was inspired by her teammate and is excited to do even better next year.

"I want to improve on my times and hopefully then I will make the top eight, or better yet the top three," Brennan said.

After a seventh place finish in 2011 and a fourth place finish this year, Voigt said she is looking for the team to continue their winning ways next year.

The 'Cats also received the Team Scholar All-American Award by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America for having a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. NMU finished the fall semester with a 3.25 GPA.



Justin Key/NW

Freshman Sophia Garris toes the diving board before making her attempt. Garris participated in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives this season.

Volleyball springs back into competition

By Jon Young

assistant sports editor

It was a solid start to the spring season last weekend as the NMU women's volleyball team held their own against two Division I opponents and swept a pair of matches over a Division II and NAIA school.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said he was impressed with the team's play against the Division I schools, especially since the team had only five days of practice since spring break.

"I thought it was good," Yoder said. "We're presently surprised that with our young players, our freshmen and sophomores; they competed very well against Toledo and Central Michigan."

NMU snagged the first game from Toledo, 25-20, and lost the second match, 25-13.

Sophomore left side/middle hitter Kalli Herron led the team with seven kills.

Junior defensive specialist/left side hitter Kalin Zimmerman paced the 'Cats with 12 digs.

Sophomore middle hitter Sarah Hamilton, who led the team with 5.5 points against Toledo, said it's exciting to compete against Division I talent.

"That was awesome for us,"

Hamilton said. After we beat them we were like 'Oh my god we just beat a D-I team,' it was really encouraging that we got to play against a D-I team and take it to that level."

The 'Cats lost 25-17 and 25-20 to Central Michigan University. Zimmerman said she was impressed with NMU's performance considering the talent level they faced.

"Anytime you go up against a big school and you're the underdog, you want to put on your best show and it definitely motivates us," Zimmerman said. "We wanted to show them we weren't just some small D-2 school."

Herron led the 'Cats with four kills and 6.5 points, while Zimmerman chipped in eight digs. Freshman setter Kaitlyn Hoffman paced NMU with 11 assists.

The 'Cats got their first look at a GLIAC opponent this season as they took on Lake Superior State University for the last set of the day.

NMU beat the Lakers 25-21 and 25-12. Hamilton said the slow start in the first game sparked the team's convincing win in the second match.

"We usually beat them and we came in there kind of thinking that and the first game we

started out slow," Hamilton said. "I think after we realized we were starting out slow, we really pulled it together in the second game and played good volleyball."

Pacing the 'Cats against Lake State were Zimmerman's 13 digs and Herron's eight kills and 10 points. Hoffman recorded 18 assists in the winning effort.

The 'Cats also swept NAIA opponent Rochester College Warriors. NMU had a strong defensive showing against the Warriors winning 25-13 and 25-10.

Leading the 'Cats was Zimmerman with 11 digs. Hoffman contributed 13 assists and Herron led the team with eight kills.

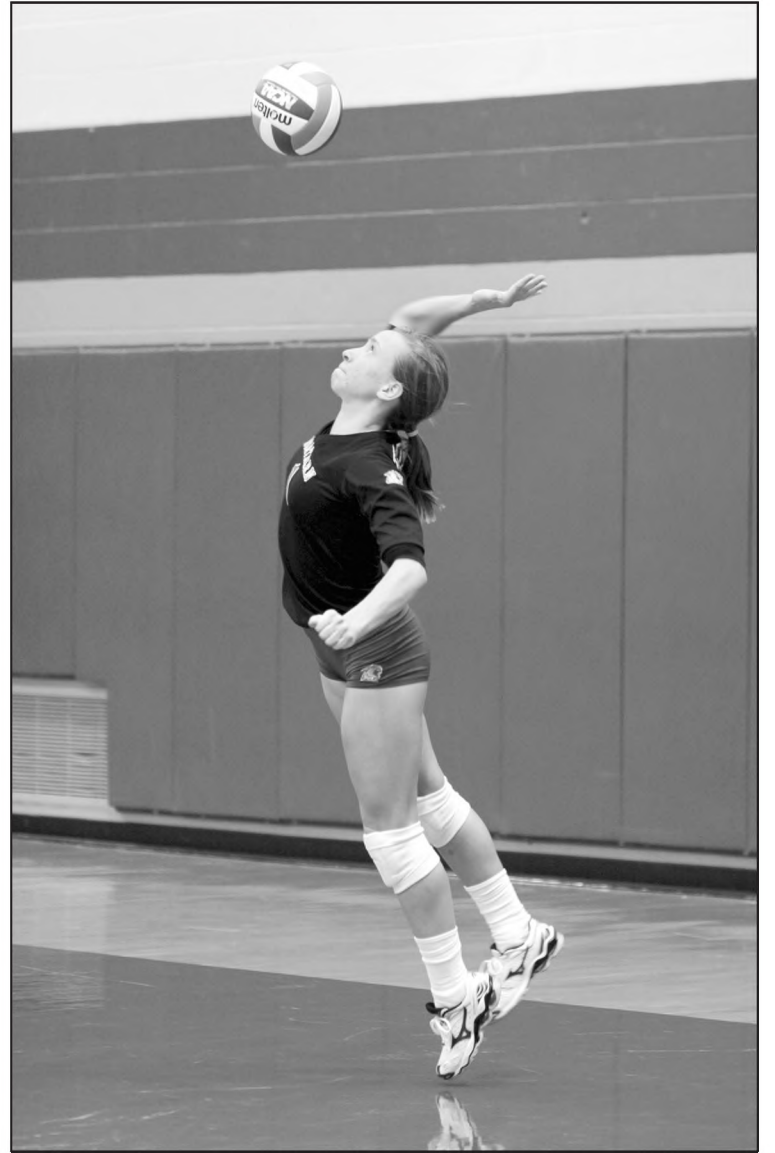
"Kali's offensive performance stuck out, as well as Zimmerman's defense performance," Yoder said. "Overall I thought our general play by our middles was good. They set a lot of good blocks and really helped our defense work a little bit easier."

Yoder said he saw things he liked on the offensive and defensive end but still noted the need for improvement.

"Our blocking improved tremendously," Yoder said. Our floor defense still needs to come up to par right now." We have a new setter who is setting the team right now, so we have a few growing pains to deal with. We're looking for improved middle play as well as improved right to left side attack."

The Wildcat starting lineup will feature some different faces this spring season. The departure of three seniors and transfers by two previous starters has left a few voids for the 'Cats to fill.

"We're going to bring in a couple of junior college transfers and then we have some incoming freshmen that are going to compete for those positions,"



Justin Key/NW

Junior defensive specialist/left side hitter Kalin Zimmerman serves a ball. Zimmerman has had 23 serve attempts and 390 digs so far this season.



Justin Key /NW

Head coach Dominic Yoder gives instructions to his team. The 'Cats finished 12-7 in the GLIAC and 15-14 overall in the first half of their season.

'Cats look for better start to second half

Men's golf kicks off spring season after last place finish in the fall

By Karly Ratzenberger

staff writer

The men's golf team will tee off its spring season on Friday, March 30 at the Regional 2 Cherry Blossom Match in Georgetown, Ky.

Head coach Dean Ellis said he has a good feeling about the spring season. He said the team has had a really great opportunity to have some real practices due to the nice weather that has recently swept into the U.P.

"In normal springs, the weather affects our ability to train, but this year we are in great shape," Ellis said. "The best part of it is, now when we are done in tournaments, we get to come back and

practice."

Junior Adam Huss said the team was able to take a trip downstate to the Novi area to play 54 holes of golf in preparation for the spring season.

"Normally we aren't able to play until the first practice round of our first regional in the spring," Huss said. "But being able to swing and work on things has been huge for us and will really show this spring."

Ellis said the fall season for the Wildcats did not go as intended. The team was planning on finishing the fall season toward

the middle as far as scores go, but they ended up in last place in the GLIAC.

“We need to move up from the position we are in. We need to get toward the middle of the pack, and hopefully if we do that it will help us out next year.”

— Dean Ellis
head coach

Although unexpected, the low finish for the 'Cats' fall season has not dampened Ellis' spirits. He said the team has been doing a lot of work since it got back from

winter break. The Wildcats practiced in the Superior Dome and did a lot of video swing analysis to prepare for the spring.

Ellis said he is excited about the team's participation in the upcoming tournament, but he is not positive about the outcome just yet.

"It's hard to say for the first tournament, but I hope we do well just based on the amount of practice we have been able to have," Ellis said. "We are feeling really good about how we are swinging at the ball and we have put a lot of work in, so hopefully it pays off."

Huss plans on helping his teammates out this spring by improving his scoring average. As

one of the oldest on a team of primarily underclassmen, he has the advantage of experience that he hopes his teammates will achieve in the spring season.

"We are hoping that the freshmen are getting used to playing with the college teams and the atmosphere of the tournaments," Huss said. "I think we will have a better spring than fall."

Ellis said his goals for the season are primarily to improve the team's position in the GLIAC standings.

"We need to move up from the position we are in," Ellis said. "We need to get toward the middle of the pack, and hopefully if we do that it will help us out for next year."

Club hockey will hold prospects camp

By Jon Young
assistant sports editor

The NMU club hockey team is hosting its first Prospective player camp during Wildcat Weekend. The opportunity gives incoming and current students who are interested in hockey a chance to see what the team is all about.

"There are a lot of kids coming up that weekend and it's really the last big weekend, when

you're going to have current players, current students and prospective students all in one spot," said head coach Carl Trosien. It just kind of made sense to see if there was any ice at the Berry (Events Center) and run with it."

Players who are currently attending NMU and interested in joining the team are encouraged to attend. Senior forward Kellen Michalak said it's an opportunity to get informed about the team.

"People go to the games, they see what we're all about and everything, but they don't get to know the players and how to get involved," Michalak said. "It's kind of open to anyone to just come and participate. All the veterans and coaches will be open for questions."

This event is not considered a tryout, but it will give those interested a chance to see how they conduct practice and what to expect.

Those attending should check in at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, March, 23 and expect to skate until 8:30 p.m.

Trosien said athletes will have a chance to see or participate in a standard practice.

From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March, 24 there will be a scrimmage followed by a short meeting. The weekend skate costs \$20 which is to be paid Friday at check-in.

The team carries a roster of 30 players. Trosien said a lot of hockey players don't know about the team and he hopes the event informs more who are interested.

"Some of it is just getting the word out," Trosien said. "We're here, we're competitive and we're looking for players. At the beginning of the year, we open it up; just because you play one year doesn't mean you're going to make it the next."



Ashley Wiggins/NW
Junior David O'Donnell curls in the zone during a 3-2 loss against Ferris State. NMU finished the season 25-11-2 overall and 8-2-2 in the WCCHA.



Ashley Wiggins/NW
Freshman forward Gunther Garrett get a scoring opportunity in a home game this season. The Wildcats finished 14-3-1 overall at home this season.

Club Hockey Player Statistics 2011-12

Top 10

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS
25	Kellen Michalak	38	41	13	54
21	Brad Gicopoulos	37	19	32	51
19	Robby Bissett	39	20	24	44
28	Chris Adam	40	13	15	28
11	Mark Novak	32	8	17	25
8	Mike Baudino	38	13	10	23
26	David O'Donnell	30	12	10	22
34	Evan Weber	40	7	15	22
18	Dillon Montalvo	40	13	8	21
9	Tom Castle	22	5	15	20

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Shout Outs

Family — I cant wait to see you all this weekend. You are seriously the best! I love you. — **Shaina**

JW — I owe you a thousand apologies. I had no idea that you would be so affected. — **SH**

Student Body — Radio X is hiring! Want to get paid? Apply by March 30.. — **Earl The Penguin**

Hollydolly — You're the best thing that ever happened to me! I love and miss you! — **Your ex-chemistry partner**

H — Thanks for making the pretzels, they were delicious! Molly, you and I should have movie night more often! — **S**

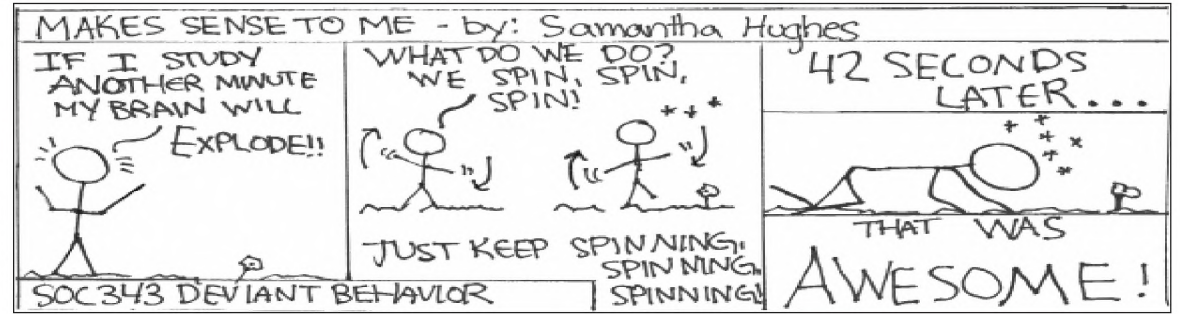
Kappa Beta Gamma Ladies — Thank you for the T-Shirt and the pies. You all are a lovely bunch of ladies! — **Your Kappa Knight**

Amy — Love you sis and your bracelets are beautiful! Can't wait to see you guys at Easter! — **Alisa**

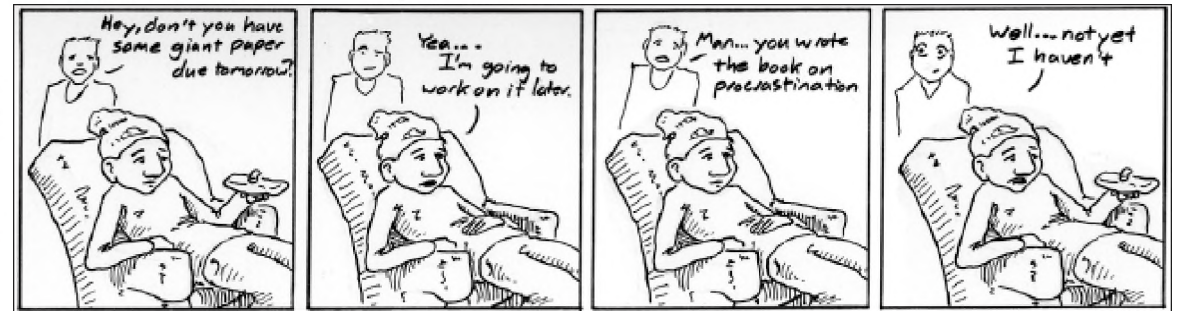
Trader Joe's — Why must you make delicious things and not have a store in the MQT? I heart your dark chocolate mints and I cannot have anymore. A PMSing girl has got to get by somehow! — **You know who**

End of semester — You can show up any time now. — **Burnt out student**

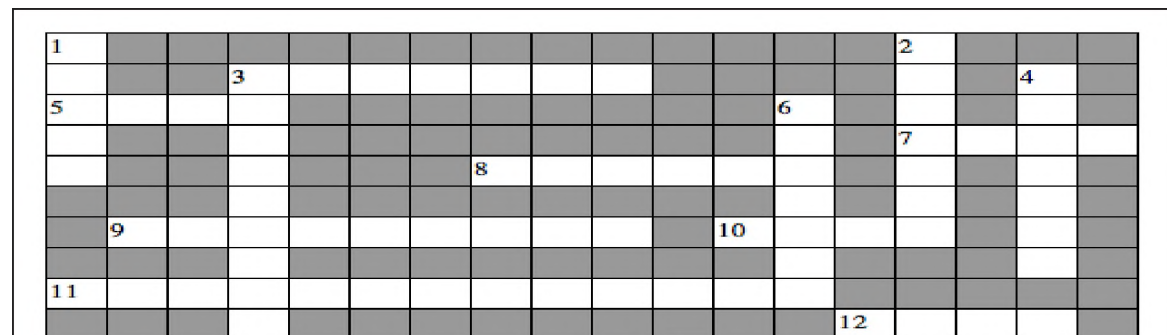
COLLEGE DAZE — Samantha Hughes



ACADIA ACADEMIA — Andy Harmon



NORTH WIND CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 3. last name of quarterback who signed with the Denver Broncos
- 5. NMU department that helps students register for classes
- 7. object that melted in Marquette over the last week
- 8. last name of NFL head coach recently suspended for one year
- 9. slang term for Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- 11. name of NMU's mascot
- 12. last name of U.S. presidential candidate who thinks secret service protection is "welfare"

DOWN

- 1. place where students flocked to this last week because of the recent warm weather
- 2. object that "golf" can be played with; often thrown at the beach
- 3. largest hamburger fast food chain worldwide
- 4. position that NMU is actively looking to fill
- 6. last name of U.S. Supreme Court justice who is often considered a swing vote in close cases

Clinic Speechies — We are doing great! We have come so far the past couple weeks! Woohoo! — **Fellow Clinic Speechie**

tNW — We saw something even rarer than a squatch in the wild. We saw Jim McCommons. — **tMJ**

MARQUETTE — Go to the blue lounge on friday for righteous tunes! Drone wolves wsg just sleepy. — **The Dark Lord**

W&W Jewelers — Thanks for making a pendant perfect for the games. — **NMU Fans**

Alpha Xi Girls — Can't wait to hang out with all of you AmaX-ing ladies this weekend. hugs! — **Grandmother Willow**

Offseason — There is nothing off about you.. — **MJSE**

Mike — Let's go on a walk... You know you are singing it :p. — **You know**

Twihards — Plot line for a movie: A girl with issues has to choose between necrophilia and bestiality. Yeah, we didn't like the plot either.. — **NOT a Twihard**

Athena — You're Awesome! — **Your Roomie**

Kappa — Let's rock this Relay! — **Ali**

NMCs — You can do it! You'll be so happy when this is over and you are a full member :). — **Kappa**

Roomie 1 — Thank you for stomping up the stairs this morning. I didn't need any more sleep. Please do it again tomorrow! — **Roomie 2**

Mom and Dad — Thanks for supporting me through college. Hopefully soon we'll see the fruits of your labor! — **Alisa**

Dear Weather — You are giving me a serious case of senioritis. Knock it off. — **A Frustrated Student**

The thought of a pandemic flu outbreak — Don't you worry FLU, I am washing my hands and stocking up on N-95's.. — **A Scared Nursing Student**

Winter — You left without saying goodbye! — **Summer**

Coffee dude — Thanks! — **NW**

My Ace — Happy 21st Birthday, babe. It's going to be the best year of your life- I mean, with this number, how could we go wrong? I love you! — **Your Queen**

Fire Hydrant — Why do I love you so? It can't be your color because I am colorblind. — **A Puppy**

Laura the Zumba Teacher — That new workout is KILLER! Thanks for reminding me of how much fun Zumba is! And exactly how many muscles can hurt in my legs! Can't wait for next week! — **A Sore Student**

Former SNA Officers — Welcome back. — **From a Grateful SN NMU**

Woodcocks — Keep peentin'!. — **SWAT**

Panda Bear — Love you and good luck with all the job hunting! — **Ali Bear**

B — XOXO...love you! — **D**

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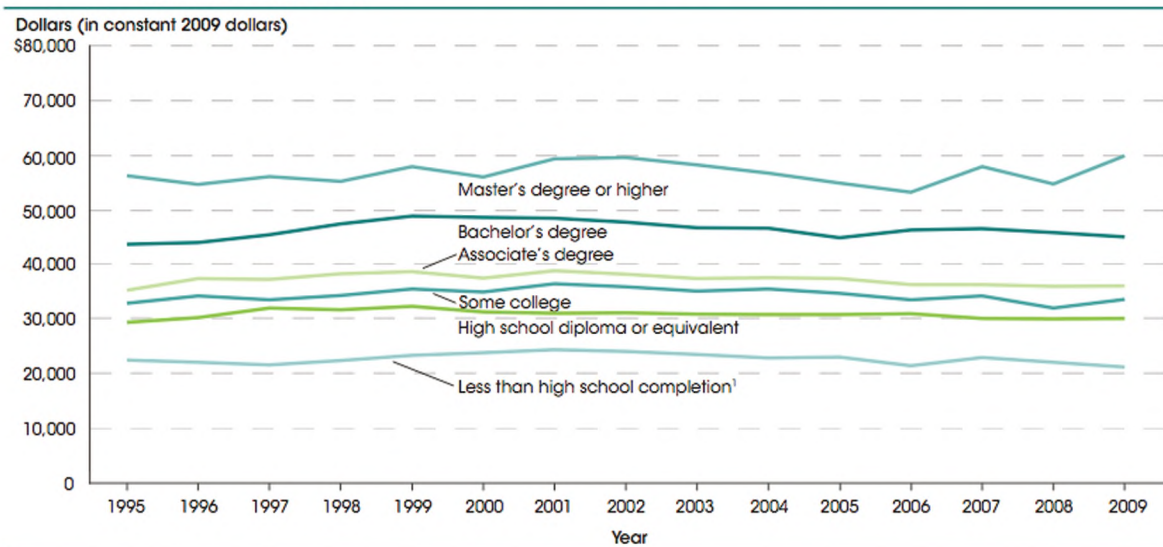
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